

The Falcon Flyer

December 1, 2022



Hello
December

Greetings Falcon Families!

This is the time of year when we are able to reflect on the things in life that we are most thankful for and renew our hope for what the new year will bring. During the upcoming holiday break, I encourage students to read for up to 30 minutes each day, play games that involve mathematics/problem-solving, and spend quality time with family. Please stay safe and healthy, and enjoy the holiday season.

Sincerely,



VISION & MISSION

The **vision** of C.J. Hicks Elementary School is to be a positive learning environment where students grow into culturally, technologically, and globally competitive individuals.

The **mission** of C.J. Hicks Elementary School is to ensure the academic, social, and emotional success of all students through rigorous, individualized instruction.



Dec. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Extended Learning (Final Day for 1st Semester) ➤ Title I Literacy Night ➤ Toy Drive
Dec. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 5th Grade Social Studies Fair ➤ AR Party ➤ PTA Holiday Movie Night: Encanto ➤ Toy Drive
Dec. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ STAR Testing ➤ KDOW (PM) ➤ Picture Retakes ➤ Toy Drive
Dec. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ STAR Testing ➤ Kona Ice for K-2 ➤ Toy Drive
Dec. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ STAR Testing ➤ Kona Ice for 3-5 ➤ Toy Drive
Dec. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PTA Holiday Shop Preview ➤ School Spelling Bee ➤ Announcement of AR Grateful for Reading Winners ➤ PBIS Glow Party ➤ Toy Drive
Dec. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Holiday Patterns Day</i> ➤ PTA Holiday Shop Opens
Dec. 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Holiday Scarf and/or Head Wear Day</i> ➤ PTA Holiday Shop
Dec. 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Holiday Sweater Day</i> ➤ PTA Holiday Shop
Dec. 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Holiday Class Party Day</i> ➤ PTA Holiday Shop
Dec. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Polar Express Pajama Day</i> ➤ PTA Holiday Shop Closes ➤ End of 2nd Nine Weeks ➤ Fabulous Falcons Reception ➤ New Student Orientation

READY NEWS

Greetings READY Families!

This is an exciting month for our READY students as we enter the holiday season. We will be making special holiday crafts. We will learn about the season of winter and why we need jackets /coats and sweaters when we go outside. The color of the month is GREEN. Our shape of the month is the STAR. We will be learning about the letters Ff and Oo and the number 9. Our *Book of the Month* is "The Gingerbread Man." We will also enjoy singing the familiar song Jingle Bells and making gingerbread houses and gingerbread men.

Thank you!

The READY Team

PRE-K NEWS

Greetings Pre-K Families!

December will be a month filled with fun learning activities. We will have visitors come to our classrooms; their names are Elffie and Chippie the Elf. They will watch over all our friends and report back to Santa. The children are super excited about looking for them each morning when

they come into the classroom. The themes for the month of December are going to be Holiday activities and holidays around the world. The children will be learning how different cultures celebrate the holidays so be sure to ask them about it when they get home. Please take a few minutes every night to review upper/lowercase letters, letter sounds, numbers, and counting to 20 and beyond. Please continue working with your child on recognizing and writing their first name and last name.

Thank you!

The Pre-K Team

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Greetings Kindergarten Families!

We hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving break! It is hard to believe we are almost halfway through the school year! As we approach our December break, please make sure you continue to read with your child at home and practice your child's sight words with them. We are continuing to move our cars down our sight word speedway! In reading, we are learning strategies to find the meaning of unknown words in a text. While reading, ask your child about word in the text that they may not know. Have them share some of the strategies that they have learned, such as using picture and word clues. In science students are continuing to learn about the day and night sky for the rest of the month of December. In social studies we are finishing up learning about the difference between a good and a service and how we must make choices because we cannot purchase everything that we want. Students are learning to compare numbers in math using the terms, greater than, less than and equal to. You can practice this at home with your child by having them count two groups of objects and ask them to compare which groups is greater. Please make sure you check your child's daily folder as well as remind for announcements and information from your child's teacher. Information on holiday parties will be communicated by your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued support! We hope everyone has a great holiday!

Thank you!

The Kindergarten Team

1ST GRADE NEWS

Greetings 1st Grade Families!

Important Updates/ Reminders:

We are so excited to announce that the 1st grade class will be attending The Dragon King at Atlanta Puppetry Arts Center on January 5, 2023. This will be all day and include a show and create-a-puppet workshop. To secure your child's place at the show, we are asking you to bring \$12 by or **before December 6, 2022.**

CUAS - We have multiple unit assessments prior to Winter Break. Please encourage your scholar to try their best and get plenty of rest!

What are we learning?

Math - Understand the meaning of the equal sign and determine if equations involving addition and subtraction are true or false and determine the unknown number that makes the equation true in each of the equations.

Reading - Ask and Answer questions, Main Idea and Key Details

Language - Verbs, Simple and Compound sentences

Social Studies - Lewis, Clark and Sacagawea

Science - Seasons

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your scholar's teacher.

Thank you!

The First Grade Team

2ND GRADE NEWS

Greetings 2nd Grade Families!

Lots of things are happening in this short month. Be on the lookout for party information and celebration attire for the week before break. It is going to be so much fun. Please be aware that all laptops will remain in school for the month of December, because we have formative and summative assessments for the next two weeks. We are ready to show what we know!!!!

With that in mind, remember school begins at 7:35 and we like to begin our assessments by 8:00. Make sure your student has had a good night's rest, so they are ready to show their stuff!!! Our last day of school for the first semester is December 16. Please enjoy the winter break. As always thank you for all you do to support our scholars and school!

Thank you!

The Second Grade Team

3RD GRADE NEWS

Greetings 3rd Grade Families!

As we begin to enter the most joyful time of the year, we plan to make the best out of this holiday season. Please be on the look-out for information regarding holiday parties and activities. Our instructional day begins at 7:35 and attendance is very important. Encourage your scholar to get a good night's rest so that they are ready for a full day of learning.

A message from the Language Arts and Social Studies Teachers:

In our Language Arts classes, students are working diligently with informational text. Students are working on justifying answers with evidence from the text and producing informational essays. Please encourage your child to read an abundance of non-fictional text at home. In our social studies classes, we are wrapping up European Exploration and moving towards Colonial America.

A message from the Math and Science Teachers:

Math teachers want to encourage parents to continue working on mastering basic multiplication facts. As students begin to tackle two-step word problems, becoming fluent with basic facts will help take away some of the frustration with word problems. In our science classes, students are ending our unit with soil. We are moving towards weathering and erosion.

As always, thank you for being great team players. Teamwork makes the DREAM WORK!

Thank you!

The Third Grade Team

4TH GRADE NEWS

Greetings 4th Grade Families!

HAPPY DECEMBER! As a reminder, our instructional day begins at 7:35 am sharp and attendance is extremely important. The 4th Grade Team will be taking a field trip on December 14, 2022. The field trip permission slip is in the process of being sent home, so please look out for them. Our School Safety Patrols are having a Holiday Toy Drive. Please send in new, unwrapped gifts to help donate to a great cause! Please continue encouraging your child to demonstrate the RISE behavior expectations throughout the school day. This will greatly assist the 4th Grade Team in making sure that all students can receive their full instructional day.

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

Areas of Focus

- MATH: Fractions and Decimals
- READING: Informational Text (Ask/Answer Questions, Compare/Contrast)
- SCIENCE: Solar System (Planets, Stars, Moon)
- SOCIAL STUDIES: Westward Expansion

Important Dates:

- November 28 - December 9, 2022: Holiday Toy Drive collections
- December 1, 2022: Literacy Night at 6pm
- December 2 & 9, 2022: Chocolate Cart for \$1
- December 1 - 16: 12 Days of Holiday Cheer (More info to come)

Thank you!

The Fourth Grade Team

5TH GRADE NEWS

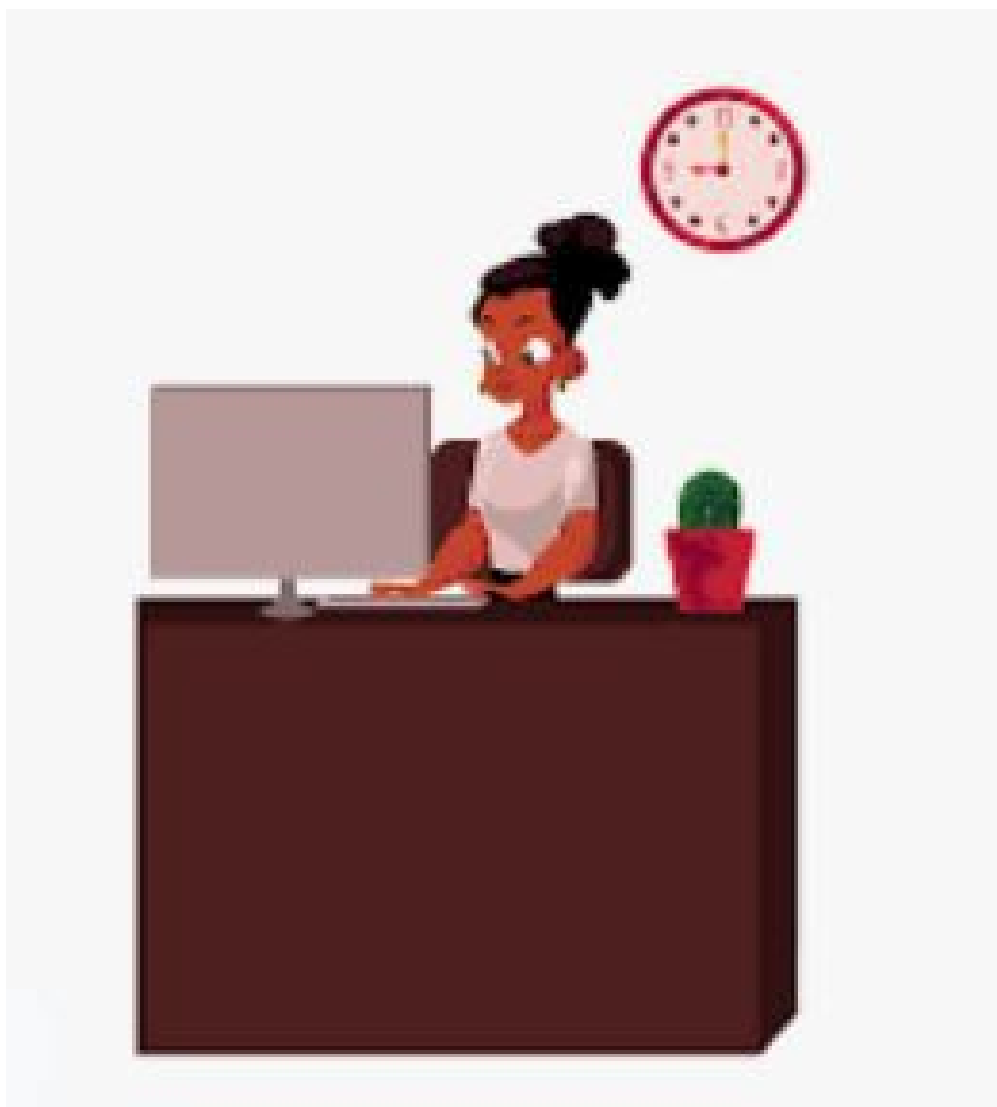
Greetings 5th Grade Families!

Greeting 5th Grade Families, our instructional day begins at 7:35 am and attendance is very important. Encourage your student to get a good night's rest so that they are ready for a full day of learning.

We have been very busy this past month. The students have been learning many new concepts and reviewing some old ones. During our reading block we have been working on analyzing how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone, or beauty of a text. In writing we have been working on developing Informational/ explanatory writing. In math we have been working on multiplying decimals. In science we have been learning about physical and chemical changes.

Please encourage your student to do their best on all assignments. We have multiple assessments coming up before Winter Break. Please encourage your student to do their best on all assessments and assignments. Winter Break will start December 16th through January 3rd. Have fun and get plenty of rest so that we may finish 2nd quarter strong. As always, we appreciate your support.

Thank you!
The Fifth Grade Team



The CJH Front Office Team stands on the front line daily, ready to serve our students and their families. Office hours are from 7:00 am - 3:30 pm, Monday - Friday. You may contact the front office team at 770-483-4410 or by email.

CJH Front Office Team:
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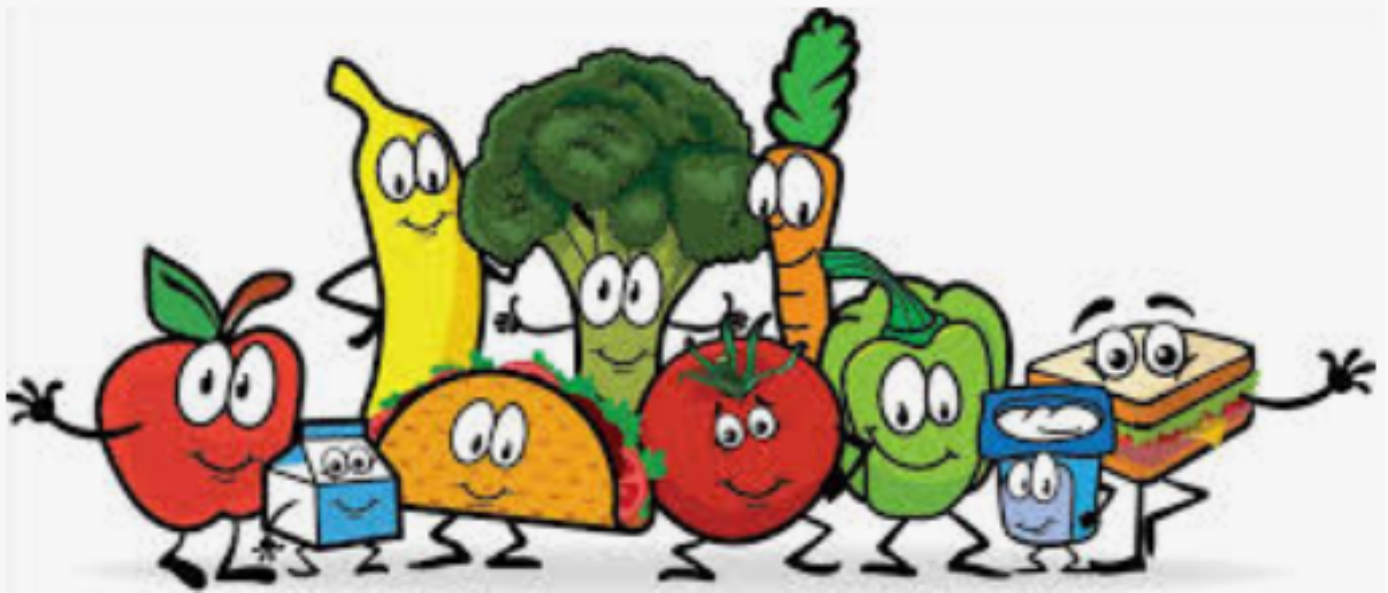


We will always be happy to meet the clinic needs of our students. If you have any questions for the clinic, please call the school and ask to speak to our School Nurse.

CJH School Nurse

Mrs. Terri Spieler

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We believe that children need healthy meals to learn. C.J. Hicks Elementary School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.00 and lunch costs \$2.10. Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. Please take a few minutes each week to clear meal charges as students with over \$10 in negative balances will receive alternate meals. If you have any questions regarding school meals, please call the school and ask to be transferred to the cafeteria.

CJH Cafeteria Manager

Mrs. Kimberly Barrett

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Parent Resources



We look forward to supporting our students and families throughout the school year. If you have any questions about school policies and procedures, please contact our Parent Liaison. Please also frequently visit the CJH webpage and check the *Parents* tab for information exclusively for our families.

CJH Parent Liaison

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LEAD



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Proud Principal